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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Vigil DATE TYPED 03/07/05 HB 991

SHORT TITLE Sunday Liquor Sales Beginning at 10 A.M. SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation Contained | | Estimated Additional Impact | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|
| FY05 | FY06 | FY05 | FY06 | | |
| | NFI | | (Minimal) | Recurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

House Bill 991 relates to SB862 and conflicts with HB691.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Economic Development Department (EDD)
 Regulations and Licensing Department (RLD)
 NM Racing Commission (NMRC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 991 proposes to amend the hours in which alcoholic beverages are permitted to be sold, served and consumed on licensed dispensers or retailer including racetracks and resorts. The proposed change would allow sales to begin at 10 am rather than 12 noon on Sundays.

Significant Issues

RLD report that the proposed changes would not effect the Department.

It is not clear what the expected increase in sales would be should the legal hours of alcohol sales be amended.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

It is not clear that any fiscal implications would be experienced by the state should this bill be enacted. Regulation of Alcohol sales would occur for two additional hours each week which could translate into additional funding required for DPS oversight and Corrections Department follow-up.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Two additional hours/week would be created during which regulation of alcohol would occur; this change could cause additional administrative duties for DPS and CD.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The Bill relates to SB862, Restaurant Sunday Liquor Sales Positions, and conflicts with HB691, Local Empowerment Districts for Alcohol.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Proponents of this bill could cite a potential increase in business revenues with the additional two hours of potential sales.

Opponents of the bill may include such organizations as Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) as DWIs in New Mexico are common and that the group may predict that the proposed change could increase drunk driving fatalities.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

New Mexicans would continue to be able to obtain alcoholic beverages at 12:00 noon on Sundays rather than 10:00 a.m.

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